



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

MBHB Case No. 98,475-B1

In the Application of:

Paul Mertens, Marc Meuris, and Marc Heyns

Serial No.: 10/074,706

Filed: February 13, 2002

Commissioner for Patents

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Mail Stop 1450

For: Method and Apparatus for Localized Liquid

Treatment of the Surface of a Substrate

Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment

Examiner: Shamim Ahmed

Group Art Unit: 1765

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

Applicants respond to the Office Action dated February 25, 2004 as follows.